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1. The 35 Infantry Regiment, subordinate to 6 Infantry Division is located in the vicinity of Vratsa, with regimental headquarters located in the city of Vratsa.
2. Commander of the regiment in late 1952 was Lieutenant Colonel Airenov, however, he was recently sent to the command of 3 Infantry Regiment at Vidin. The present commander is unknown. Assistant commander and political commissar of the regiment is Captain Mladenov, and the executive officer is Captain Nicolov.
3. The staff of the regiment has the following sections:
 - a. Reconnaissance Section, commanded by Captain Zakhariyev;
 - b. Supply Section, commanded by Captain Pavlov; and
 - c. Operations and Intelligence Section, the commander is unknown.
4. The regiment is composed of three infantry battalions, with each battalion consisting of three infantry or rifle companies and one heavy machine gun company. Each infantry company is divided into three platoons and each platoon has three squads of about nine men. The heavy machine gun company has approximately 40 men.
5. Commander of 1 Infantry Battalion is Captain Ivan Rusinov and his assistant and political commissar is Captain Vasilev. Company commanders are first lieutenants and the platoon leaders are reserve second lieutenants.
6. Company commander of 1 Company in 1 Infantry Battalion is unknown, but the commander of 2 Company is Lieutenant Vassilev, and the commander of 3 Company is Lieutenant Elenkov. The commander of the Heavy Machine Gun Company of 1 Battalion is Second Lieutenant Vassilev. The Company is equipped with four Maksim Sokolov machine guns and the men of the company carry carbines.

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7. Commander of 2 Infantry Battalion is Captain Grigorov. The commander of 3 Infantry Battalion is unknown.
8. The 1 Infantry Battalion is composed of about 310 officers and men, while the 2 and 3 Battalions have approximately 350 men each. There are about 1,360 men in the entire regiment.
9. The regiment is composed of the following:
 - a. One battery of field artillery commanded by Captain Kunchew; his assistant and political commissar is Captain Zekov; this battery is composed of the following units:
 - (1) One platoon of eight Soviet-type cannons mounted on rubber tires; the guns are about one meter long; their caliber and range are unknown;
 - (2) One platoon of six antitank cannons, probably of 45 mm. caliber; the guns are mounted on rubber tires; and
 - (3) One platoon of antitank rifles; there are two rifled guns in this platoon;
 - b. One regimental mortar battery containing three platoons and 16 mortars; one platoon contains 6 x 120 mm. mortars, another has 6 x 82 mm. mortars and the third has 4 x 120 mm. mortars;
 - c. One signal or communication company has two platoons commanded by First Lieutenant Zekov; one platoon is for radio communications and the other is for telephone communications; commander of the radio platoon is First Lieutenant Krumov; this platoon has some portable equipment and two large radio sets mounted on vehicles; the telephone apparatus was of Bulgarian manufacture but some Soviet equipment arrived recently;
 - d. One reconnaissance platoon is commanded by First Lieutenant Delev; the platoon is composed of three squads of eight men each and each squad is commanded by a noncommissioned officer of the regular army; the men of the platoon are armed with rifles or machine pistols;
 - e. One regimental supply company is commanded by First Lieutenant Petrov; the company is composed of three platoons with each platoon divided into three squads; in all, there are 90 soldiers, 45 horses and 18 trucks; and
 - f. One band platoon.

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